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THE HON SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Government have not yet taken up the consideration of the proposal."

Harassment of Harijans in Anaicut village, Vellore taluk, North Arcot district.

* 210 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report of the Collector of North Arcot has been received regarding harassment of Harijans on 16th January 1954 in Vellore and Gudiyatham taluks; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government have received report of an isolated case of rioting in Anaicut village of Vellore taluk on the 16th January 1954 as a result of a petty quarrel between a Caste Hindu and a Harijan during a bull race which was held in the village earlier in the day. As desired by the hon. Member, extracts from the reports received from the Collector on the incident are placed on the table of the House. Apart from this, no other case of harassment of Harijans by Caste Hindus on that day has been brought to the Government's notice either from Vellore or Gudiyatham taluk."

Shifting of District Headquarters Hospital from Chingleput to Kancheepuram.

* 293 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it has been decided to shift the District Headquarters Hospital from Chingleput to Kancheepuram; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) The proposal has been deferred."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the reasons that weighed with the Government to defer this proposal?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was a tug-of-war between Chingleput and Kancheepuram."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the reasons were which prompted the Government first to think of shifting the Headquarters Hospital at Chingleput to Kancheepuram?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 711 infra.

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Chingleput is a smaller place with a population of 25,000 while Kancheepuram has a population of over one lakh There is not much scope for the expansion of the hospital at Chingleput and, therefore, the Director of Medical Services made the proposal."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Government change their view if an agitation is started by the larger population of Kancheepuram?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I have already said, there was an agitation for it."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it a fact that the proposal has been shelved for the present because a very influential person has offered a very big donation for the expansion of the Chingleput Hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter may be decided even here by these two hon. Members Mr. Deivasigamany and Mr. Vinayakam by a duel." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are Government aware of a resolution passed by the District Hospital Advisory Committee to the effect that the hospital should not be shifted under any circumstances and that in case a hospital was considered necessary for Kancheepuram, separate proposals should be drawn up by the Government for alleviating the suffering of the larger population of Kancheepuram? Have not the Government received a copy of it?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Not only the Hospital Advisory Committee but also the Municipal Chairman and, in fact, all the people of Chingleput, including Mr. K. Vinayakam, are for the retention of the hospital in Chingleput."

Reconstitution of certain First-class Bench Magistrates' Courts in Malabar.

* 294 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any changes have been effected in the constitution of Bench Magistrates' Courts in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The First-class Bench Courts at Cannanore, Badagara, Kozhikode, Ottapalam and Palghat in Malabar have been reconstituted into Courts of Honorary Special First-class Magistrates sitting singly and the remaining two First-class Bench Courts at Tellicherry and Quilandy and five Second-class Bench Courts at Kozhikode, Kollengode, Tirur, Ponnani, and Chowghat have been abolished."